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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ FOLLOWUP NR SIX AND FINAL TO [] TIO CRITIC 8-72, DTG, 26/1542Z DEC 72 BTHN 1519Z AND 1557Z, 26 DEC 72, NUMEROUS CELLS OF B-52'S WERE RE- FLECTED OVER NVN WITH FIVE CELLS ACTIVE IN THE HANOI AREA DURING THE TIME FRAME (1539Z-1547Z) WHEN BATTALION 78 OF THE 264TH SAM REGT RE- PORTED DOWNING OF AN UH1D ACFT AND ASH 01(B-52) RECEIVED BATTLE DAMAGE. TWO OF THESE CELLS WERE REFLECTED ENTERING NVN ON A NORTH- EASTERLY HEADING FM LAOS TO VIC OF PHUC YEN, MADE A CLOCKWISE TURN OVER HANOI AND RETURNED TO LAOS. ONE CELL ENTERED ON A WESTERLY HEADING FM GULF OF TONKIN (GOT), PASSING OVER HANOI AND FLEW TO LAOS ON A SOUTHWESTERLY HEADING. ONE CELL ENTERED ON A WESTERLY HEADING FM THE GOT AND PROCEEDED TO 20-58N 106-03E AT 1544Z WHERE REFLECTIONS CEASED. THE REMAINING CELL ENTERED NVN ON NORTHEASTERLY HEADING FM LAOS TO 21-42N 105-57E AT 1536Z, TURNING SOUTHWEST TO LAST NOTED ACCURATE POSITION OF 21-05N 105-30E AT 1536Z WITH REFLECTIONS COMPLETELY CEASING AT 1543Z. COMMENTS, AS OF DTG THIS REPORT THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER WORD ON STATUS OF B-52 EBONY 02, AND BATTLE COMMANDER(TACC-HS) REPORTS THAT ASH 01 IS STILL AIRBORNE ENROUTE U-TAPO RTAFB, THAILAND. REFLECTING FAC CARRIED IDNET OF ALL FIVE CELLS AS THREE THROUGHOUT ENTIRE ACTY. 325 0303 NNNH

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